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SUMMARY: WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY ROK-PRC "DEAL" RE UN ADMISSION. HOWEVER, VICE FONMIN YANG'S CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS FOR TAIWAN OF ROK POLICY TOWARDS PRC APPEARS WARRANTED. END SUMMARY.

1. WE DO NOT KNOW BASIS TO REPORT CITED BY VICE FONMIN YANG (REF A) TO EFFECT THAT ROK TOLD PRC IT WOULD BREAK RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI IN EXCHANGE FOR PRC SUPPORT OF ROK ADMISSION TO UN. HOWEVER, IF A SUFFICIENTLY ATTRACTIVE DEAL WITH THE PRC COULD BE MADE, WE BELIEVE THE ROKG WOULD VIEW ITS TIES WITH TAIPEI AS EXPENDABLE. REFS B AND C (NOT SECRET

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SENT USUN) DISCUSS ROKG DESIRE TO MAKE CONTACT

WITH PRC, AND POINT OUT THAT PROGRESS
TO DATE HAS BEEN IMPEDED BY UNRESPONSIVENESS OF
PRC RATHER THAN CAUTIOUSNESS OF ROK OR ROKG CONSIDERATIONS
FOR ROC. WERE THERE GREATER RECEPTIVENESS BY PRC
TO ROK OVERTURES YANG'S GENERAL CONCERN OVER
DIRECTION OF ROK POLICY WOULD PROBABLY PROVE MORE
THAN JUSTIFIED.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROK AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO U.S.,
HAHM PYONG-CHOON, HAS IN PAST AS PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISOR MADE EFFORTS TO APPROACH PRC. PRESS
HERE HAS MADE MUCH OF HIS
PREDECESSOR'S WASHINGTON SOCIAL
CONTACTS WITH DOBRYNIN AND HAHM MAY ATTEMPT TO BROADEN
THESE CONTACTS TO INCLUDE PRC LIAISON OFFICE.
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